

JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday October 28, 2013

6:00 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES OF 9/23/2013
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. INTERVIEW SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES
 1. BETSY JOHNSTON
 2. JAMES DAVITT
 - B. REVIEW RESULTS – PULP LOADER USE @TRANSFER STATION
 - C. SKEHAN CENTER OPERATION – RECREATION STAFFING
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. CONCERN OVER GUN USE IN SUBDIVISIONS
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday September 23, 2013

Attending:

Councilor William Shakespeare
Mayor Janet Hughes
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor David Ryder
Councilor Carol Duprey

Town Manager Susan Lessard
Public Works Director Chip Swan
Resident Terry McAvoy

The meeting was opened at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Shakespeare.

1. MINUTES OF 8/26/2013 – The minutes of 8/26/13 were reviewed by the Committee. No changes were made and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of sidewalk/intersection at Route 1A/Western Avenue – repair estimates – The Public Works Director reported to the Committee that Wellman Paving would be redoing the sidewalk/curbing from Fresh Ginger to Subway within two weeks. The cost of the project is \$6,750. He also presented an estimate for the Town Crew to do the work of \$7,995, not including traffic control. The reason for the high cost of doing the project for the crew relates to the cost of renting a roller sufficient for doing the job as well as the cost of renting an excavator.
 - B. Sidewalk inventory/condition – Public Works Director – The Public Works Director presented a list of all sidewalks in Hampden along with an estimate of current condition and a cost estimate for their renovation. He suggested that the Council consider using some of the reduced paving funds available this year for some of the worst sidewalks. Committee members asked for a list of roads to be considered for paving and indicated that they wished to review both the road list and the sidewalk list when they made their decision for 2014 and what would be paved.
 - C. Wood Disposal Alternatives – Cost Estimates – The Public Works Director presented information related to 4 options for the cost of construction of a pad/area for brush disposal if the Town were to consider an alternative to the current method of disposal (copy attached). At the present time, the transportation cost to the town for brush disposal is approximately \$3,600 per year. The disposal fee for wood has been eliminated as of August 27th due to an agreement where the Town insures that the brush transported is not contaminated with other types of wood or material. This information will be retained for use if the Town decides to pursue an alternative means of dealing with brush.
 - D. Wood Disposal Alternatives – Plan for comparison – The Public Works Director has made arrangements for a pulp hauler to haul the brush after the next Demo weekend of 9/27 & 9/28. Once the tonnage hauled/cost of transporting it is

determined, a comparison will be made to current operations to see which is the most cost effective.

- E. Route 69 – Soils Report – Mayor Hughes discussed the borings report issued by the State Department of Transportation, which support the consensus that the road is in terrible condition. The State still plans to do a shim overlay this fall which should last for a few years, but no reconstruction. The State also plans to do a shim coat over Route 1A from Western Avenue to Mountainview, including repaving the bad intersection at Route 1A and Western Avenue. It was suggested that perhaps the State or the State and the Town may be in a better financial position in a few years to consider a project to redo Route 69 properly.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Process for replacing SAD School Board Member – The Town Manager presented a plan/timeline for replacing the SAD 22 School Board Member as follows:

1. The vacancy will be advertised in the Bangor Daily News and on the Town Website with a deadline for application of October 23, 2013.
2. The Manager will set up interview times with all applicants for consideration at the Infrastructure Committee meeting of 10/28/13.
3. The Infrastructure Committee will make a recommendation to the full council for their first meeting in November.

The Committee recommended a similar process for replacing a recent Water District Trustee and also followed it when replacing a School Board position in 2005. No objections or changes were offered by Committee members.

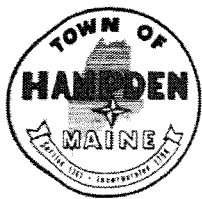
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

- 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS – Councilor Duprey expressed concern over the fact that she felt that Councilors were expected to attend all Committee meetings. She suggested that if the meetings were taped then Councilors other than Committee Members could watch them but would not have to attend the meeting, and that as well as saving time at home for Councilors – it would save the Town money since those councilors watching but not attending would not be paid.

Other Councilors indicated that they relied on the agendas of meetings to know if they needed to attend or not, depending on their level of interest in the topics on the agendas. Some suggested that watching a committee meeting would not allow for councilor input to help shape the discussion. The Town Manager will work on ways to improve the information that Councilors get relative to Committee meetings that they do not attend by talking with Staff members about taking better notes of the events, and also look for a way of videotaping the meetings that does not involve the full council-chamber-camera- television process.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager



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Check One: ☐ Initial Application
☐ Reappointment Application

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
APPLICATION FOR TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NAME: Johnston Betsy M.
LAST FIRST MI
ADDRESS: 123 Western Avenue Hampden, ME 04444
STREET TOWN ZIP
MAILING ADDRESS (if different): same
TELEPHONE: (207) 852-8002 (207) 990-1208
HOME WORK
EMAIL: mikhet.johnston@gmail.com
OCCUPATION: Property Manager

BOARD OR COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:

FIRST CHOICE: Board (RSU#22 Board of Directors)

SECOND CHOICE (OPTIONAL): _____

How would your experience, education and/or occupation be a benefit to this board or committee? I have a lot of experience volunteering at the Ymc Graw School and have had much interaction with teachers and staff. I have a bachelors degree from the University of Maine in Business Administration. I am a property manager for commercial.
Are there any issues you feel this board or committee should address, or should continue to project address? I am entering into this interview process ready to learn. I feel the budget is always a crucial part of the success of a board.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
LURA HOIT MEMORIAL POOL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FRIENDS OF DOROTHEA DIX PARK

DYER LIBRARY
RECREATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF APPEALS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TREE BOARD

3 YEAR
5 YEAR
PLANNING BOARD

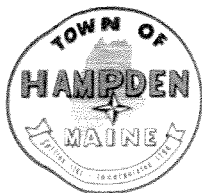
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Date Application Received: **SEP 25 2013**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ACTION: _____ DATE: _____

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____ NEW APPT ____ REAPPOINTMENT DATE APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: _____



Check One: Initial Application 2-A-2
_Reappointment Application

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
APPLICATION FOR TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NAME: DAVITT JAMES E
LAST FIRST MI

ADDRESS: 25 SUMMER STREET HAMPDEN 04444
STREET TOWN ZIP

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _

TELEPHONE: 862-8113 HOME WORK

EMAIL: jim.davitt@yahoo.com

OCCUPATION: Adjunct Professor, UMA - BANGOR

BOARD OR COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:

FIRST CHOICE: RSU #22 SCHOOL BOARD

SECOND CHOICE (OPTIONAL): _____

How would your experience, education and/or occupation be a benefit to this board or committee?

I am an attorney and have been an Associate Professor at UMA-Bangor since 1993. I work almost daily with graduates of our schools and want to make future graduates more successful in college. It begins with our RSU

Are there any issues you feel this board or committee should address, or should continue to address? Reining in costs, addressing teacher pay and support, preparing for a future in which there are fewer students living within the district.

3 YEAR

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TREE BOARD

5 YEAR
PLANNING BOARD

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Date Application Received: 10/23/2016

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ACTION: _____ DATE: _____

COUNCIL ACTION: _____ DATE: _____

____ NEW APPT ____ REAPPOINTMENT DATE APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: _____

INVOICE

To Town of Hampden

Invoice Date 10/2/13

Tel. 207 852-6699

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Thank You!

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DYSART, S TRUCK STOP

130 COLDBROOK RD BANGOR ME 04401
EXIT 180 207 9424878

Hampden
Brush

Ticket No.: 80570
Date: 09/30/13

ID: NIND
Rate:

Auto Weigh

\$ 6.00

Steering Axle:	14540 lbs
Drive Axle:	35240 lbs
Trailer Axle:	0 lbs
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TOTAL:	49780 lbs

Certified Scales

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SART, S TRUCK STOP

COLDBROOK RDBANGOR ME 04401
180 207 9424878

st No.: 80574
Date: 09/30/13

ID: NINO
Rate:

Auto Weigh

\$ 6.00

Steering Axle:	12140 lbs
Drive Axle:	30080 lbs
Trailer Axle:	0 lbs
TOTAL:	42220 lbs

Certified Scales

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PART, S TRUCK STOP

0 COLD BROOK RD BRANSOR ME 04401
(IT 180 207 9424878)

Hampden

Brush

Cket No.: 80566
Date: 09/30/13

ID: NINO

Rate:

Auto

High

\$ 6.00

Steering Axle:

12400 lbs

Drive Axle:

30100 lbs

Trailer Axle:

20 lbs

TOTAL:

42520 lbs

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Certified Scales

2B

WYART, S TRUCK STOP

30 COLDBROOK RDBANGOR ME 04401
XIT 180 207 9424878

Hampden
Brush

ticket No.: 80562
Date: 09/30/13

ID: NIND
Rate:
Auto Weigh

\$ 6.00

Steering Axle:	11480 lbs
Drive Axle:	38560 lbs
Trailer Axle:	20 lbs
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TOTAL:	50060 lbs

Certified Scales

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October 24, 2013

Dear Hampden Town Manager/Town Council:

My name is Basil Closson and I live at the end of Hughes Boulevard. I am writing because I am very concerned about the shooting that takes place periodically between the developments of Hughes Boulevard and Town Farm Road.

I have called the town police numerous times over my concern that the same individuals supposedly target practice in an area between the two developments. I can stand in my driveway and watch the individual(s) shoot and walk back and forth and shoot some more. It sounds like I am sitting in a shooting range. They fire different caliber handguns, based on the magnitude of the sound.

I have no idea which direction they are shooting in, as I have been told by the police that it is away from my house. But there is a walking trail in open space that they shoot toward. My family discourages me from confronting these individuals so I am asking for your help.

It is extremely unnerving to me and my family, and kids and pets go running for the house, afraid they may be shot, maybe not directly but certainly from a stray bullet. When I sit on our deck, the sound of the shooting is overbearing. We have had friends literally leave over their concern for the shooting.

I am pleading with the town to address this issue. Residents, young and old, walk and ride their bikes and kids play in that area all the time. I am asking the town to revisit the ability to allow this to continue before someone gets hurt.

Right to bear arms is one thing and I am from a family whose father was a 25 year public servant of the Maine Warden Service, but the right to discharge fire arms in a well established sub-division, shooting into or towards open space and walking trails, is something else.

Your help in resolving this matter is greatly appreciated.

Basil Closson

107 Hughes Blvd.

Hampden, ME 04444